

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ROME 14311 171228Z

53

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 NSC-05 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 PA-02 RSC-01 USIA-15 PRS-01 SP-02 DRC-01 /062 W

----- 022280

R 171140Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7495

UNCLAS ROME 14311

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: ITALIAN MEDIA REACTION TO RESTON INTERVIEW WITH
SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. SUBJECT INTERVIEW STIRRED MILD INTEREST IN GENERAL BUT PROVOKED EXTENSIVE REACTION AMONG KEY COMMENTATORS.
2. /IL MESSAGERO'S/ LUCIO MANISCO, TYPICALLY SOUR, DEFINES KISSINGER'S "VISION OF HISTORY" AS "ALMOST HEGELIAN, A STATIC CONCEPTION OF WORLD ORDER," IN WHICH THE U.S. HAS A HEGEMONIC ROLE IN ITS SPHERE OF INFLUENCE, WORLD ORDER IS STATIC, THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE IS PESSIMISTIC, AND "DEPRESSING ALTERNATIVES AWAIT MANKIND." REFERRING TO KISSINGER'S ANALYSIS OF PORTUGAL, GREECE AND ITALY, MANISCO SAYS THE INTERVIEW SHOWS INDIFFERENCE TO THE ORIGINS AND CAUSES OF VARIOUS POLITICAL MOVEMENTS, AND THEREFORE HIS REMEDIES ARE SUPERFICIAL.
3. /CORRIERE DELLA SERA'S/ SCHOLAR-JOURNALIST ALBERTO RONCHEY OUTLINES KISSINGER'S PROBLEMS IN CARRYING OUT HIS POLICIES IN FACE OF GROWING INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PROBLEMS AND CONCLUDES THAT BECAUSE OF INCREASING UNKNOWN FACTORS AND CHANGES IN WORLD POLITICAL BALANCES, THE DIPLOMACY OF THE "WORLD ARBITER" WILL HAVE TO CHANGE. "MORE THAN BY HIS IDEOLOGICAL ENEMIES, KISSINGER'S FUTURE WILL BE DECIDED BY FORTHCOMING EVENTS," RONCHEY CONCLUDES, AND IMPLIES THAT KISSINGER'S STAR HAS PASSED ITS ZENITH.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ROME 14311 171228Z

4. COMMUNIST ORGAN /L'UNITA'/ SEES THE INTERVIEW AS A

"CLUMSY INTERVENTION IN ITALIAN POLITICAL CRISIS," ADDING THAT SECRETARY SAID THAT "FRAGMENTATION OF MAJORITY IS DUE TO 'DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM' AND MAKES AMBIGUOUS AND SUPERFICIAL SELF-CRITICISM REGARDING PORTUGAL, GREECE AND CHILE."
/L'UNITA'/ ADDED SARCASTICALLY THAT KISSINGER'S "PESSIMISM IS UNDERSTANDABLE, IF IT REFERS TO U.S. FAILURES IN PORTUGAL AND IN GREECE. THESE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THERE HAD BEEN CONSISTENCY BETWEEN U.S. IDEALS AND U.S. INTERESTS IN A LESS NARROW VISION OF EVENTS." HARSHER CRITICISMS ATTACHED TO SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON THE ITALIAN SITUATION, HIS THEORIES ON THE RESIDUAL VOTE, AND THE REFERENCE EQUATING FASCISTS AND COMMUNISTS EQUALLY AS "AUTHORITARIAN". THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT KISSINGER AS A HISTORIAN IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS KISSINGER THE STATE SECRETARY, "WITH HIS DETENTE DIPLOMACY LINKED WITH REACTIONARY COUPS, AND WHO IS AT EASE WITH PINOCHET AND BOURGEOIS PLITICIANS."

5. LIBERAL /CORRIERE DELLA SERA/ AND COMMUNIST /PEASE SERA/ ALSO CARRIED SHORT SUMMARIES OF INTERVIEW. /PAESE SERA/ REPORTED "HENRY TELLS N.Y. TIMES I WON'T LEAVE," AND NOTES THAT HIS WORDS, WITH SOME BITTRNESS, SHOW THE COMEPLXITY OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, EVEN AFTER NIXON'S RESIGNATION AND WHAT SEEMED TO BE SOLUTION OF WATERGATE SCANDAL."

6. CONSERVATIVE /IL TEMPO/ CARRIES SHORT STORY EMPHASIZING "KISSINGER'S ALARMED WARNING AGAINST RIVALRIES IN WESTERN WORLD."VOLPE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, PRESS CONFERENCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974ROME14311
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: ROME
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741039/aaaabgxd.tel
Line Count: 88
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: cunninfx
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 09 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <09 APR 2002 by chappeld>; APPROVED <10 FEB 2003 by cunninfx>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ITALIAN MEDIA REACTION TO RESTON INTERVIEW WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER
TAGS: PFOR, IT, US, (KISSINGER, HENRY A), (RESTON, JAMES)
To: n/a
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005